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DoD Issues and Updates

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The Travel Card in the Department of Defense

What's been **HOT** !

Travel and Transportation Reform Act

Volume 9, Chapter 3 --

“DoD Government Travel Charge Card”



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Travel and And Transportation Reform Act

Public Law 105-264, also known as the “Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998” (TTRA) :

Sec.2.(a) -- Requires that Federal employees use the travel card.

Sec.2.(b) -- Grants to the head of the agency the authority to exempt any payment, person, type or class of payments, or type or class of agency personnel from the requirements of subsection (a).

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Travel and And Transportation Reform Act

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Public Law 105-264, also known as the “Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998” (TTRA) :

Sec.2.(d) -- Allows for the collection from the amount of pay owed to an employee an amount owed to the contractor as a result of delinquency.

Sec.2.(g) -- Requires agencies to reimburse travelers in a timely manner or pay the employee a late payment fee.



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Travel and And Transportation Reform Act

As Enacted in DoD:

Mandatory use implemented, ...*BUT*

Provision for many, many exemptions/waivers

Late payment fee to the traveler

Involuntary collection provision was deferred.



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Travel and And Transportation Reform Act

Lots of Congressional Interest:

Although the TTRA is a matter of public law, passed by both houses of the Congress, and signed by the President, individual members of Congress still rely on the Department to respond to the many letters and emails they receive from their constituents.



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Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998

- [Deputy Secretary's Delegation Memorandum to the Comptroller](#)
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- Active Policy Document
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The following paragraphs contain TTRA policy:

- Paragraph 0303 (Mandatory Use of the Travel Card)
- Paragraph 0304 (Nonmandatory Use of the Travel Card)
- Paragraph 0308 (Traveler Reimbursement and Payment Responsibilities)
- Paragraph 0311 (Effective Date and Implementation)

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Travel Card Policies

Volume 9, Chapter 3 - Other than TTRA, what's new?

The entire chapter has been rewritten. Notable highlights, however, are as follows:

- Updated to reflect “new” travel card contract/task order,
- Clarified the term “misuse” to allow use for “incidental” expenses associated with the travel event, and
- Allows use for expenses incurred during leave in conjunction with TDY.



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‘Till next year.....



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